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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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MAX REED, II,

 Petitioner,

 v.

JO GENTRY, et al.,

 Respondents.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00648-RFB-PAL

ORDER

 This action is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 by Nevada state prisoner Max Reed, II. On February 27, 2019, this Court granted petitioner’s motion for counsel and appointed the Federal Public Defender to represent petitioner in this action (ECF No. 55). On March 29, 2019, Amelia Bizarro of the Federal Public Defender’s Office appeared on behalf of petitioner (ECF No. 56). The Court now sets a schedule for further proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that counsel for petitioner shall meet with petitioner as soon as reasonably possible, if counsel has not already done so, to: (a) review the procedures applicable in cases under 28 U.S.C. § 2254; (b) discuss and explore with petitioner, as fully as possible, the potential grounds for habeas corpus relief in petitioner’s case; and (c) advise petitioner that all possible grounds for habeas corpus relief must be raised at this time in this action and that the failure to do so will likely result in any omitted grounds being barred from future review.

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1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner shall have **90 days** from the date of this
2 order to FILE AND SERVE on respondents an amended petition, if any, for writ of habeas corpus,
3 which shall include all known grounds for relief (both exhausted and unexhausted).

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall have **45 days** after service of an
5 amended petition within which to answer, or otherwise respond to, the amended petition. If
6 petitioner does not file an amended petition, respondents shall have 45 days from the date on which
7 the amended petition is due within which to answer, or otherwise respond to, petitioner's original
8 petition. Any response filed shall comply with the remaining provisions below, which are entered
9 pursuant to Habeas Rule 5.

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by respondents in this
11 case shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other words, the court
12 does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in seriatum fashion in
13 multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses omitted
14 from such motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents shall not file a
15 response in this case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the
16 merits, except pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking
17 merit. If respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they shall
18 do so within the single motion to dismiss not in the answer; and (b) they shall specifically direct
19 their argument to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406
20 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion, shall be
21 included with the merits in an answer. All procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must
22 be raised by motion to dismiss.

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents shall
24 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record
25 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any additional state court record exhibits filed herein
27 by either petitioner or respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the
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1 exhibits by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further shall be identified by the
2 number or numbers of the exhibits in the attachment. **Any further exhibits shall be numbered**
3 **sequentially following the exhibits that have already been filed.**

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if and when respondents file an answer or other
5 responsive pleading, petitioner shall have **30 days** after service of the answer or responsive
6 pleading to file and serve his response.

7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any state court record exhibits filed by the parties
8 herein shall be filed with an index of exhibits identifying the exhibits by number or letter. The
9 CM/ECF attachments that are filed shall further be identified by the number or letter of the exhibit
10 in the attachment.

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, at this time, the parties shall send courtesy copies of
12 **any responsive pleading and all INDICES OF EXHIBITS ONLY** to the Reno Division of this
13 court. Courtesy copies shall be mailed to the Clerk of Court, 400 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV, 89501,
14 and directed to the attention of "Staff Attorney" on the outside of the mailing address label. **No**
15 **further courtesy copies are required unless and until requested by the court.**

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17 DATED: April 2, 2019.

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20 RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II
21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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